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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PFOR ET US

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REF: STATE 270821

1. DCM RAISED RADIO ETHIOPIA REPORT MENTIONED REFTTEL WITH GETACHEW KIBRET, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MOFA, NOV. 17, AND INQUIRED WHETHER "POLITICAL LEADER" HAD SHED ANY LIGHT ON WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS OF KAGNEW FOUR OR ON INSURGENTS INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THEM. GETACHEW REPLIED NEGATIVELY SAYING HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT MUCH OF ANY INFORMATION HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM PRISONER. (COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT SOMEONE WAS INFACCT CAPTURED, HIS ALLEGED DESIGNATION AS "POLITICAL LEADER" MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION HERE. HIS ACTUAL STATUS COULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT. NONETHELESS WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER TRY, VIA NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER, LATER THIS WEEK.)

2. DCM ALSO REMINDED GETACHEW OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN HAVING FAMILY MESSAGES BROADCAST, NOTING OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT EARLIER EFFORTS TO ARRANGE BROADCASTS, CITING
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PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN

THE CASE, AND REMINDING GETACHEW THAT ETHIOPIAN HELP IN THIS
MATTER WOULD BE VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES IN OUR EFFORTS TO FREE THE MEN. GETACHEW
INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING AND SAID MATTER IS "STILL UNDER
CONSIDERATION."

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